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The three studies which comprise this report constitute part of a larger study of the development of self-government and independence in dependent and formerly dependent countries of the Pacific area. The original intention of the American Institute of Pacific Relations was to publish a single volume covering all of these areas, and including chapters on American policy with respect to dependencies and trusteeship. Because of the rapid development of nationalist movements and steps towards self-government or independence in many parts of the Far East, it has now been decided to issue the report of the project in several volumes. Those dealing with such important areas as Indonesia and Indochina will be published as books during 1948. Plans for completion of the volume on Indochina by Professor Lauriston Sharp and Miss Ellen Hammer are already well advanced. Arrangements are also being made for a volume on Indonesia by Professor Raymond Kennedy, Mr. Paul Kattenburg and Miss Jeanne Mintz.

The present volume dealing with Burma, Malaya and the Philippines provides a useful comparative sketch of the policies followed by the British and American Governments in fostering the development of self-government and independence under markedly differing conditions. The three essays do not claim to be comprehensive inquiries into the political development of the three areas, but it is hoped that they will serve a useful purpose in providing a concise comparative survey of the main lines of policy followed in three areas where the development of self-rule has proceeded in a more peaceful and orderly fashion than in such areas as Indochina and Indonesia.

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